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CULTIVATION OF COCONUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Kerala Government to help the coconut cultivation of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken in this regard;

(d) whether the State Government has also submitted any proposal to increase the MSP of Ball Copra and Milling Copra; and

(e) if so, the decision of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (c) The Government of Kerala has submitted proposal for Rs.100 Croresduring 1999-2000 for mitigating mite problem in Kerala, seeking additional assistance. Coconut Development Board has provided Rs.589.025 lakhs to Kerala Government formite control during 1999-2000 under the plant protection component of integrated farming programme. The Board will implement developmental programmes at a total cost of Rs.492.1 lakhs during 2000-2001 for expansion of area under coconut, production and distribution of planting materials, aid to private nurseries, integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement and management of disease affected palms.

(d) & (e) The Government of Kerala has submitted proposal for enhancement ofMinimum Support Price (MSP) for milling copra and ball copra. The Government of India has, however, already fixed the minimum support price for milling copra of fair average quality at Rs.3250/- per quintal and that of Ball copra of fair average quality atRs.3500/- per quintal for 2000 season, which is higher by Rs.150/- per quintal for milling copra and Rs.175/- per quintal for ball copra as compared to the minimum support price fixed over previous year.